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1. Genbank Accession # AF007819, released July 16, 1997 (Exhibit 2);
2. Genbank Accession # U59259, released October 3, 1996 (Exhibit 3);
3. Genbank Accession # AF039456, released January 10, 1998 (Exhibit 4);

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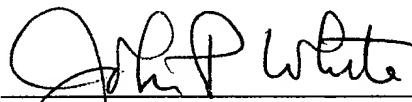
4. Genbank Accession # U49110, released February 17, 1996 (Exhibit 5);
5. DDBJ Accession # D85559, released September 5, 1996 (Exhibit 6);
6. Genbank Accession # AA028211, released September 12, 1996 (Exhibit 7);
7. Swissport Accession # O54986, released June 1, 1998 (Exhibit 8);
8. Swissport Accession # O35773, released January 1, 1998 (Exhibit 9);
9. Swissport Accession # P70495, released February 1, 1997 (Exhibit 10);
10. PCT International Application No. WO 97/25424, published July 17, 1997 (Exhibit 11);
11. Lee, G., et al., "Abnormal splicing of the leptin receptor in diabetic mice," *Nature* (1996) 379: 632-635 (Exhibit 12);
12. Cioffi, J. A., et al., "Novel B219/OB receptor isoforms: Possible role of leptin in hematopoiesis and reproduction," *Nature Medicine* (1996) 2: 585-589 (Exhibit 13);
13. Tartaglia, L. A., et al., "Identification and Expression Cloning of a Leptin Receptor, OB-R," *Cell* (1995) 83: 1263-1271 (Exhibit 14);
14. PCT International Application No. WO 96/08510, published March 21, 1996 (Exhibit 15); and

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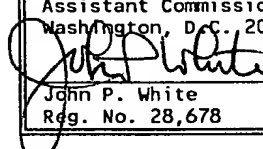
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